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PROPOSED PROGRAMME BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM 1996-1997

Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21

Programme budget implications of the draft resolution contained in document A/C.2/50/L.78

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 15 of draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.78, the General Assembly would decide that the preparations for the special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21, and the special session itself, should be kept within the agreed appropriation level for the biennium 1996-1997.

2. As indicated in the statement of programme budget implications (A/C.2/50/L.55) submitted in connection with draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.23, additional requirements amounting to $197,400 would arise for the servicing of the special session, which represent a new activity, not programmed in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 and for which no appropriations have been sought in the proposed programme budget. These additional requirements stand.

3. Accordingly, should draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.78 be adopted, the need for additional requirements would be brought to the Fifth Committee in accordance with its terms of reference and the provisions of General Assembly resolution 45/248 B, section VI, whereby the Assembly reaffirmed that the Fifth Committee

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was the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters. It will be recalled that in the same resolution the General Assembly expressed its concern at the tendency of its substantive Committees to involve themselves in administrative and budgetary matters. Also in the same resolution, the Secretary-General was invited to provide all intergovernmental bodies with the required information regarding procedures for administrative and budgetary matters.